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Press Note:

Governor praises Red Cross services during COVID-19 pandemic

Vijayawada, May 8: Andhra Pradesh Governor & Hon. President of Indian Red Cross Society, Andhra Pradesh State Branch, Sri Biswabhusan Harichandan, participated in the programme held on the occasion of 'World Red Cross Day' at Durbar Hall in Raj Bhavan here on Sunday. The Governor offered floral tribute to the portrait of Jean Henry Dunant, the founder of International Red Cross, whose birth anniversary marks the 'World Red Cross Day' celebrations.

Speaking on the occasion Governor Sri Harichandan said Jean Henry Dunant, the Founder of International Red Cross, had built a great humanitarian organization that had its roots in kindness and it was apt that the World Red Cross Day-2022 is being celebrated with the theme of "Be Human Kind".

The Governor praised the services rendered by the members of Andhra Pradesh State Branch of Red Cross society during the difficult times of COVID-19 and said that he was immensely pleased to note that the Red Cross volunteers came out in large numbers and helped the needy people throughout the State, in the hour of need by creating awareness among the people about the danger posed by the virus and distributing masks, Home Isolation Medical Kits, Oxygen Concentrators and especially serving food to lakhs of destitute.

He said the Red Cross volunteers through their all-out efforts helped thousands of migrant workers reach their destination safely, during the lockdown period and congratulated the Red Cross team for collecting whole blood and plasma even during tough situation, by saving precious lives.

The Governor inaugurated a Thalassemia Day Care Centre, established by the Red Cross in remote tribal region of Paderu, Alluri Sitaramaraju district and a "Old Age Home" in Kakinada, in virtual mode from Raj Bhavan. He complimented the Red Cross volunteers, especially the Youth Red Cross and Junior Red Cross volunteers, for taking up various service activities like Tree Plantation, Blood Donation etc. and said that their initiative has given shape to a big humanitarian and cultural movement all over the State.

Governor Sri Harichandan presented awards to volunteers for their exemplary initiative and hard work and for providing humanitarian services in times of need. He congratulated Dr. A. Sridhar Reddy, Chairman, Shri A.K. Parida, General Secretary & CEO and the team of Andhra Pradesh State Branch for their dedication, hard work and committed services. Sri R.P. Sisodia, Special Chief Secretary to Governor and other officers were also present on the occasion.